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FREE PRESS FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

So far as the Philippines are concerned we are getting out of the woods. In his Memorial address at Arlington the President, for the first time, spoke of Philippine independence as the ultimate goal of our efforts in the East Indies. Independence is a word which has been studiously avoided in the past both by Roosevelt and McKinley. There have been mild substitutes for it but nothing that indicated a purpose or even a willingness on the part of the Government to let the Philippines go. Now, however, the President speaks of the American design as being "the slow introduction of the orderly liberty, the law-abiding freedom of the individual which is the only sure foundation upon which NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE CAN BE BUILT."

We are, therefore, building a foundation upon which the Philippines, when they are able, will be permitted to erect their own edifice of self-government. It is a project which ought to add zest to our Fourth of July celebration. To hold the Philippines as a conquered province and make their people subjects of the United States, would be to sharply dissent from the principles upon which the Fourth of July derives its meaning. Moreover, to stay there in any case would be to pile up military and naval expenses, threaten the Monroe doctrine, weaken our line of national defense and invest us with dangerous local problems due to possible changes in the tariff. From every point of view we are better out of the Philippines than in them.

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VOLCANIC AMERICA.

Professor Daniel C. Russell in his book on the "Volcanoes of America" says that they form a part of a great system of volcanic vents which may be said to surround the Pacific Ocean. This "chain of fire" extends along the west border of North America, from the coast of British Columbia and Alaska, and extends westward throughout the length of the Aleutian Islands. Still active craters in Alaska show the positions of earth fractures, which unite the volcanic belt of the New World with the still more energetic volcanoes of Kamchatka, Korea, Japan, Formosa, the Philippine Islands, New Guinea, New Hebrides, New Caledonia, and New Zealand.

Interesting in connection with the Martinière disaster and the statements of eminent scientists, and particularly geologists, says the New York Times is the fact that they ascribe the growth of the American continent to a circle of volcanoes in the original archaic nucleus, and the sea, which occupied what is now the Mississippi valley and the northward extension of the same interior basin on the Pacific regions. They think they see the growth of another continent in the West Indies through the recent terrible volcanic action there.

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